Mr. SPEAKER.— It is a general statement which applies to all.

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.— When the Amildar went there, the Village Panchayat submitted to the Amildar that there is no need for acquiring both the plots and it is enough if a piece of land is taken possession to form the foot-path.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.— I want to know whether the Government is going to take into consideration the needs of the people for which purpose it has been acquired ?

Mr. SPEAKER.— The point is very simple. If the Panchayat Committee do not want the possession of the land, the Government cannot force it.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—At the first instance, I have made it clear that the old panchayat is changed and the people do require that land for the purpose of the formation of a road. So, may I request the Government to kindly make an enquiry on the spot whether it is needed for the people or not ?

Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.—I must once again inform the Hon'ble Member that the land is acquired at the instance of the village panchayat and the village panchayat has to form the road ; and the matter is still under examination. If the village panchayat agrees to form the road as originally agreed to, we have no objection. But if the village panchayat do not want to form the road, we are helpless.

METRIC SYSTEM OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES IN THE STATE.

* *Q.*—114. Sri K. P. GADAG (Gadag).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the commodities that now come under the Metric System of Weights and Measures in the State ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the consumers are being deceived by some retail traders, as they quote rates either for old or new system of weights and supply the commodities by the weights, profitable to the traders ;

(*c*) if so, what measures Government have taken in the matter ?

A.— Sri MALI MARIAPPA (Minister for Co-operation).—

(*a*) All the commodities which are being sold by Weighment System Come under the Metric System of Weights and Measures.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—Whether the Government is aware that a stone of 200 grams *i.e.*, equal to about 17½ tolas is now being used as a standard seer of 20 tolas by the Indian traders ?

†Sri MALI MARIAPPA.— This is the first instance which has come to my notice. I will have it examined. So far as the Government is concerned, no such thing has come to their notice.

Sri K. P. GADAG.—May I know whether the Government will enquire into the matter and give this reply ?

Sri MALI MARIAPPA.—So far, we have not received any complaint except just now by the Hon'ble Member.

Sri K. P. GADAG.— Whether the Government inquire into the matter ?

Mr. SPEAKER.— They will hold an enquiry.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.—Whether there is an inspecting body to inspect the introduction of new Weights and Measures in each district ?

Sri MALI MARIAPPA.— Yes Sir, there is a staff.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SETTY.— Is it not necessary that they should watch these things because there is change in the Weights and people are going to be deceived ?

Sri MALI MARIAPPA.—Every now and then, the staff will be checking and supervising the weights.

Sri K. P. GADAG.— May I know the educational qualification of Weights and Measures Inspectors ?

Sri MALI MARIAPPA.—Some of them happen to be already in the Department. Recently, we have recruited some and some more will be recruited. We have not yet completed recruitment.

DISBURSEMENT OF ORPHANAGE GRANTS.

*Q.—143. Sri F. W. CORBETT (Nominated).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the reasons for not paying the uniform grant of Rs. 10 per child in the poor shools and orphanages, throughout the State, so far, though the same was sanctioned in the month of October 1960 :

(*b*) whether they will take necessary action to see that these grants are paid before the end of the official year and are paid more promptly in future as the schools will find it very hard to maintain the children for long periods pending the receipt of the grants from the Government ?

A.— Sri ANNARAO GANAMUKHI (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) Instructions have been issued to the countersigning officers to pass the bills promptly when they are received from the managements as per rules at the rate sanctioned by Government. The managements have to prefer the claims to the concerned countersigning officers with all the relevant information.

(*b*) Instructions have been issued regarding prompt payments.